

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The first Monday of every October is designated as World Habitat Day – a day to call worldwide attention to the dire need for affordable housing for all; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, state and local government, federal government, other private and nonprofit sources, and partners, work every day to bring affordable housing to those families who need help and assistance in our state; and,

Whereas, In 1991, Habitat for Humanity completed its first house in South Dakota, and to date, have completed 340 houses located in 23 communities to provide homes for more than 800 children, proving that the 14 statewide affiliates generate inspiration in supporters, families, and communities across the state; and,

Whereas, The Department of Housing and Urban Development's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination; and,

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity builds dreams by building simple, decent, and affordable homes in partnership with families across the state, and will continue to do so as long as there is a need:

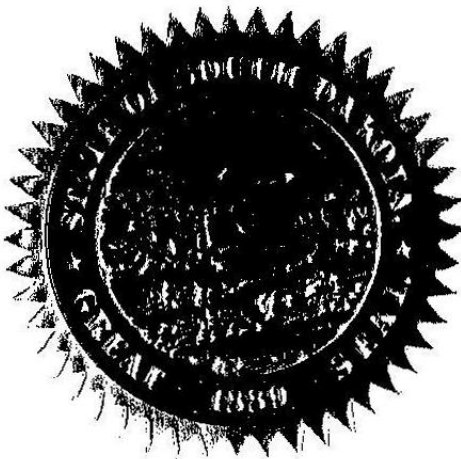
Whereas, On Monday, October 5, 2009, the 14 Habitat for Humanity affiliates, their boards, supporters, and partner families will join Habitat for Humanity International and the South Dakota HUD Office in celebrating World Habitat Day:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2009, as

WORLD HABITAT DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize, encourage, support, and join with the men and women who work every day to bring housing to those in need.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State